GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PADDY PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of paddy in the country has declined this year in comparison to last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any policy in order to increase the production of paddy in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. Rice production has declined due to adverse climatic conditions particularly rainfall during Kharif − 2002.

(c)&(d): Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereal Based Cropping System Areas were under implementation for increasing production & productivity of Cereals including rice the country. However, since October 2000, the above schemes have been subsumed under Macro-Management Mode of Agriculture to give more flexibility to states and implement the programmes on the basis of States priority and requirements.

Besides above, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of `On-Farm Water Management Scheme for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India is also in operation since 2002 for increasing production crops induding rice. Under this scheme, farmers are being assisted for construction of dug wells, tubewells, lift irrigation points & use of pumping sets.